(c) Sometimes such complaints are received. The complaints received are investigated. In all established cases, appropriate action is taken by the LPG Marketing Companies against the defaulting distributors under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

(d) No, Sir. Inspection of hot plates with the prospective customers is done to ensure that they are of ISI mark and safe for use.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. However, distributors have been advised by the LPG marketing companies to accommodate such requests on individual merits.

Demand and Supply of Oil and Gas

8066. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the future demand and supply of oil and gas in India is bound to increase manifold;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with comparative position of the demand and supply during the last three financial years;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to meet the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a), (c) and (d) Government have allowed private investment in the oil refining sector. As against the existing refining capacity of 56.40 MMTPA, the total refining capacity in the country after the expansion/debottlenecking of existing refineries, setting up of new grass-root refineries JVCs and private sector refineries including EOUs, is expected to be around 153 MMTPA. This capacity would be sufficient to meet the projected demand of petroleum products, since the demand of petroleum products in the year 2001-2002 is estimated to be about 102 MMTPA.

A number of short-term and medium term measures have been taken to boost the indigenous production of crude oil. As a result of these measures the crude oil production is expected to reach a level of 37.37 MMT in 1995-96 and 44.45 MMT at the end of 1996-97.

(b) Demand and supply of oil and gas during the last three years were as under:

Item	Unit	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95*
1. Supply of Natural Gas	BCM	16.21	16.41	17.36
2. Demand of POL products (Excluding RBF)	MMT	58.90	60.81	65.31

* Provisional.

Waiting list for LPG Connections in Kumaon region

8067. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of LPG connections with each agency in Almora, Ranikhet, Haldwani and Nainital of Uttar Pradesh and the number of persons on the waiting list, as on the 30th April, 1995;

(b) by when the wait listed persons in those towns are likely to be provided LG connection; and

(c) what are the other places in hill districts of Kumaon region in Uttar Pradesh where LPG facilities are available at present and by when the remaining areas are likely to be provided with such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The requisite infor-

mation as on 30-4-95 is given below:

Name of the distributor	No. of existing customers	Waiting list
Choudhari Gas Agency, Haldwani . . .	8022	3155
Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam, Haldwani .	14798	5616
Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam, Almora . .	10754	2587
Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam, Nainital . .	16150	4639
Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam, Ranikhet . .	9169	4010

(b) The Oil Companies have been given instructions to clear the entire waiting list (as on 1-4-1995) in areas above 4500 ft. attitude during 1995-96, and 50 per cent of the waiting list (as on 1-4-1995) in areas between 2000 to 4500 ft. during 1995-96 and the remaining 50 per cent during 1996-97.

(c) Some areas of Kumaon Hills are being provided with LPG through outlets of Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam serving as extension points.

The other places in hill districts of Kumaon region where LPG facilities are available are Didihat, Kashipur, Rudrapur, Tanakpur, Khatima, Ramnagar, Lohaghat Dharchula, Bageshwar, Pithoragarh, Kichha and Pantnagar.

Consignment Agents and Distributors Appointed by M/s. Balmer Lawrie (India) Limited

8068. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and the locations of the consignment agents and distributors appointed by M/s. Balmer Lawrie (India) Limited, a Government undertaking for marketing/distribution of petroleum products, and the areas of their jurisdiction individually, zone-wise;

(b) the names and details of locations which are lying vacant and unrepresented and the area yet to be covered by such locations, individually; and

(c) the details of the back up support to be given to the consignment agents and distributors by the company for sales promotion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NAURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited only processes greases and lubricants and then marketing is done by a joint venture company, which operates as a private company, namely, Balmer Lawrie FUCHS Limited, a joint venture between Balmer Lawrie and Co. Limited and FUCHS Petrolubes of Germany, with equal equity participation. As such, all consignment agents and distributors are appointed by Balmer Lawrie FUCHS Limited, according to their business requirements.

Setting up of Processing/Refining units based on Natural Gas

8069. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are allowing the small scale/large scale/